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FAA AND BFS ON FLIGHT CHECK SERVICES FOR BERLIN
CORRIDOR AIDS

1. THE GERMAN (FRG) FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES (BFS) HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH FAA PROPOSED AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (WO-I-152) COVERING FLIGHT CHECK SERVICES FOR BERLIN NAVAIDS.
2. HIELSCHER, BFS DIRECTOR FOR ENGINEERING, CALLED ON CIVIL AIR ATTACHE TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING PROBLEM: FAA PROPOSED A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE "MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 18, 1977, CONCERNING METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR CALIBRATION SERVICES OF NAVAIDS SERVING THE BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS UNDER CONTRACT TO BFS." HE EXPLAINED THAT UNDER FRG BUDGETARY PROCEDURES FOR EXPENDITURE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS,
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HIS AGENCY IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ARRANGEMENTS OF THE NATURE PROPOSED BY THE FAA. PAYMENT FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES MUST BE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND/OR ADJUSTMENT ANNUALLY. HIELSCHER EXPLAINED THAT THE BFS HAS ITS OWN CALIBRATION UNIT AND AIRCRAFT FOR FLIGHT CHECKING OF NAVAIDS IN THE FRG AND ONLY CONTRACTS WITH FAA FOR THOSE AIDS

WHICH SERVE ALLIED CORRIDORS TO BERLIN AND WHICH THE
BFS IS UNABLE TO FLIGHT CHECK ITSELF BECAUSE OF THE
LEGAL STATUS OF THE CORRIDORS. HE SAID THAT PREVIOUSLY
VALID ARRANGEMENTS WERE EXTENDED THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1978
PENDING A SOLUTION OF THE PAYMENT TERMS.

3. IN VIEW OF ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMERCIAL
AIR OPERATIONS IN THE BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS AND THE
UNIQUE SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO THE LOCATION OF
NAVAIDS SERVING THESE CORRIDORS, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS
THAT THE FAA GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE
GERMAN REQUEST FOR CONTINUING PRESENTLY VALID
ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES DUE TO FRG BUDGETARY PROVISIONS.

4. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THE BFS IN A TIMELY MANNER,
THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A STATUS REPORT AT AN
EARLY DATE.

5. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NAVAIDS IN QUESTION ARE WITHIN
THE TERRITORY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND SERVE THE
BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS FROM THERE. THUS, THIS ARRANGE-
MENT IS INDEPENDENT OF THE NAVAIDS LOCATED WITHIN
BERLIN.

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